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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**HEAD OF DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION  
SENTENCED**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that VICENTE CAMARENA-SALAZAR, 28, Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced to 292 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of a four month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Metro Drug Task Force, Beech Grove Police Department, Indianapolis Police Department, and Marion County Sheriff's Department.

The investigation revealed that CAMARENA-SALAZAR was the leader of a methamphetamine and cocaine distribution organization that distributed approximately 170 kilograms of cocaine and several pounds of methamphetamine in Lafayette and Indianapolis

from April, 2004 through May, 2005. CAMARENA-SALAZAR received cocaine and methamphetamine from four different sources and negotiated between the sources to receive cocaine and methamphetamine at discounted prices. CAMARENA-SALAZAR distributed the cocaine and methamphetamine to customers in Lafayette, Indianapolis, and Columbus, Indiana.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following CAMARENA-SALAZAR's release from imprisonment. CAMARENA-SALAZAR will be subject to deportation following the completion of his prison sentence and, during the period of his supervised release, must refrain from re-entering the United States.

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